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The Torch

Let the UH-60 Blackhawks Fly!

It started out like any other day at encampment, with reveille and fitness training (PT)... but it later moved on to something very exciting. Cadets took an up close and personal tour of the local UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter unit. Cadets were treated to a private tour of a US Army, combat-hardened aircraft that can travel at speeds of more than 200 mph, carry special operations troops into combat, and move injured troops out of the battlefield and harm's way. As soon as lunch was over, the first sergeants rushed to get all 129 cadets over to the hangar as soon as possible. When we arrived, we were greeted by two warrant officers who not only told us about UH-60s, but also told us about the Warrant Officer Program in the US Army National Guard. Less than 2% of all members of the Army and Army National Guard are warrant officers. The National Guardsmen said that it takes a strong commitment to continue your education throughout your career. Does that remind you of anything, cadets?

The Honor Guard Flight Notes

The Honor Guard Flight is progressing rapidly through the new and challenging curriculum. Today, C/SrA John Kenetemann distinguished himself by being the first member of the Honor Guard Team to earn the Honor Guard Chord. This is a task that requires determination, dedication, teamwork, leadership, and discipline. The schedule of the Honor Guard consisted of a review of basic drill before they were issued their practice rifles and introduced to the basic drill incorporation the rifles. Throughout the afternoon the funeral element was the focus. With stoic demeanors the practiced as if they were doing an actual funeral. All in all, the day was quite successful. The motto was upheld- "Always Exceed the Standards."

-C/Col Mitch Edwards

Cadet Corner

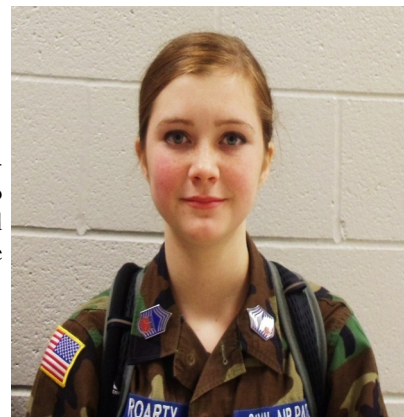
C/CMSgt Claire Roarty

Position: Bravo Flight Commander

Favorite Part of Encampment: Her favorite part of encampment is PT. She says it wakes her up and keeps her feeling awake because of the vigorous exercise.

She quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson to others for advice: "Do not go where the path may lead, instead go where there is no path and leave a trail." She also said that if you leave a legacy of excellence it will not be forgotten.

She chose a Flight Sergeant position for a hands on experience and as a way to bond with the basic cadets. The position of flight sergeant offered all of this plus more.



*"In order to succeed your desire for success
must be great than your fear of failure."*
-Bill Cosby

A Note From the Cadet Commander

Another long day completed and a full list of exciting, big activities planned for the next few days! You all have impressed me with the improvement I have seen in the past two days. Teamwork is improving in the flights and has become second nature for many of you. I have also noticed that self-discipline is increasing as you gain a better understanding of what is expected of you as a cadet. I know that it may feel like this week is moving slowly but don't wish the time away. Before you know it, encampment will be over. You will look back and wish that you could relive encampment. Throughout a cadet's life one of the most common things talked about is the cadet experience. It's hard to explain unless you have lived it. We have six flights working toward a common objective, working towards functioning as one group. As we progress, you need to focus on working together with your flight members and also helping your squadron members. Today, training changes from being mostly classroom to being mainly hands on. Keep your motivation high and extend it to your fellow flight members. When I was a basic at the Ohio Wing Encampment in 2006, the whole encampment showed great improvement after the third full day because we learned how to work as a team and to cover our weaknesses with our strengths. Finish this encampment with strong teamwork and you all will achieve great things. The skills you learn here will help you become better leaders, not just for the rest of your CAP career, but throughout your life. I have faith that all of you have the ability to successfully complete the activity. I can't wait to see you graduate at the end of encampment with your new found pride, discipline, and teamwork.



C/Lt Col Alan Ehrle, CAP
Cadet Commander

A Note From the Safety Officer

Today was another great day for safety at the encampment. Thanks to all the hard work and dedication you have shown, we have made it through another day without any accidents or injuries. Please continue your efforts and join me as we strive to keep up this outstanding safety record for the rest of the encampment. Remember to keep hydrated and dress appropriately for weather conditions as we have outside activities lined up for the next few days. If you see something unsafe, stop it. I would like to congratulate you all on keeping this an accident free encampment and all of your hard work so far. Remember, we are all safety officers. We can only meet our goal of an accident free event, if we all work together and keep an eye on each other. Avoid the worst, put safety first!

